

# AVADH SUGAR & ENERGY LIMITED

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION(S) POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of AVADH SUGAR & ENERGY Limited (the “Company”), has adopted the following policy and procedures with regard to materiality of related party transactions and on dealing with related party transactions as defined below. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors will review the policy from time to time and recommend such changes therein as deemed necessary after appropriate deliberation. The Board may amend this policy suo moto, or on recommendations of the Audit Committee from time to time. This policy shall regulate transactions between the Company and its Related Parties based on the applicable laws and regulations applicable to the Company.

The related party transactions are regulated by the Companies Act, 2013, the Rules framed thereunder and the Listing Regulations (collectively referred to as “Statutory Provisions”). In case any provisions of this policy are contrary to or inconsistent with the Statutory Provisions, the Statutory Provisions shall prevail.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

“**Act**” means the Companies Act, 2013 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

“**Arm’s length price**”, would have the meaning as defined by the Companies Act 2013, and rules made there under and judicial and other pronouncements, as applicable from time to time and shall mean a price which is applied or proposed to be applied in a transaction between persons other than associated enterprises, in uncontrolled conditions.

“**Arm’s length transaction**” means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.

“**Audit Committee**” means the committee of Board of Directors constituted in pursuance of Section 177 of the Act and Clause 18 of Listing Regulations.

“**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

“**Key Managerial Personnel**” means the person(s) appointed as such in pursuance of Section 203 read with Section 2(51) of the Act.

“**Listing Regulations**” means the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time.

“**Material Related Party Transaction**” means a Related Party Transaction shall be considered material (“Material Related Party Transaction”) if the transaction or transactions to be entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, exceeds 10% of the annual consolidated turnover of the Company as per the last audited financial statements of the Company.

“**Ordinary course of business**” would have the meaning as defined by the Companies Act 2013, and rules made there under and judicial and other pronouncements, as applicable from time to time and shall mean & include the habit system and continuity of an act required to satisfy the test of regular or ordinary course of business.

“**Related Party**” means an entity which is a related party under Section 2(76) of the Act or under the applicable accounting standards.

**“Related Party Transaction”** shall mean a transaction between the Company and a Related Party under Regulation 23 of Listing Regulations and/or Section 188 of the Act read with the Rules.

**“Responsibility Officer”** means the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company for the time being, wherein, the Board may, where it considered necessary so to do, appoint other officers as it may consider proper as such Responsibility Officer.

**“Rules”** means the Rules framed under the Act, as amended from time to time.

All terms not defined herein shall take their meaning from the applicable laws.

### 3. **PROCEDURE**

#### 3.1. The Responsibility Officer shall at all times:

- i. Identify and keep on record list of Company’s Related Parties, along with their requisite details.
- ii. The Responsibility Officer shall identify such functional heads, departmental heads and such other employees (Designated Employees) who are responsible for entering into contracts/ arrangements/ agreements with entities for and on behalf of the Company and circulate the list of Related Parties to all such Designated Employees of the Company along with the approval thresholds for entering into transactions with such listed Related Parties.
- iii. The Responsibility Officer shall also set down the mechanism for reporting of such transactions proposed to be entered or entered with related parties by such Designated Employees as specified in (b) above.
- iv. The record of Related Parties shall be updated whenever necessary and shall be reviewed at least once in every six months.
- v. With regard to low value Transactions (all transactions with Related Parties below value of Rs. 1 (one) crore per transaction), internal systems may be created to ensure that the Designated Employees approving the transactions are not related to the contracting parties and alternative approving authorities are put in place.
- vi. The Responsibility Officer shall be responsible for implementation and monitoring of the Company’s RPT Policy at all times and submit a quarterly report/statment of the same to the Audit Committee for review.

#### 3.2. Identification of Potential Related Party & Related Party Transaction

On the basis of the disclosures made by Directors and Key Managerial Personnel, the Company shall compile the list of Related Parties. Such list shall be updated based on the disclosures received from the Directors and Key Managerial Personnel from time to time.

Each director and Key Managerial Personnel is responsible for providing notice to the Board or Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board/Audit Committee may reasonably request. Board/Audit Committee will determine whether the transaction does, in fact, constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this policy.

The Company strongly prefers to receive such notice of any potential Related Party Transaction well in advance so that the Audit Committee/Board has adequate time to obtain and review information about the proposed transaction.

### 3.3. Review and approval of Related Party Transactions

3.3.1. All Related Party Transactions shall require prior approval of the Audit Committee. It is clarified that any modification/ renewal of an existing Related Party Transaction shall also require approval of Audit Committee in the manner mentioned above.

3.3.2. The Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval to one or more proposed Related Party Transactions, which are of repetitive nature and where exact volume or price of the transaction cannot be ascertained at the time of approval.

The omnibus approval shall be subject to the following conditions:-

a) The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself about the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;

b) Such omnibus approval shall specify (i) the name(s) of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that shall be entered into, (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price, if any; and (iii) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit;

Provided that where the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to the transaction value not exceeding Rs.1 crore per transaction.

c) Audit Committee shall review, on a quarterly basis, the details of Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company pursuant to each omnibus approval.

d) Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year.

3.3.3. The information in respect of proposed Related Party Transactions along with complete details should be submitted by the concerned departments / divisions of the Company to the Responsibility Officer well in advance.

3.3.4. The Responsibility Officer shall review the information and details of the proposed Related Party Transaction and prepare a detailed note containing background information, comparative details of similar transactions with other parties, if any, including the status of the transaction to the effect that whether the proposed Related Party Transaction is on an arm's length basis and in the ordinary course of business along with justification thereof. The note so prepared by the Responsibility Officer shall be circulated to the Audit Committee members for their approval of the concerned Related Party Transaction.

3.3.5. Each Material Related Party Transaction shall also require prior approval of the Board and shareholders of the Company, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Regulations, the Act or the Rules, as may be applicable.

3.3.6. In case a Related Party Transaction under the Act is either 'not on an arm's length basis' or 'not in the ordinary course of business' ("Specified RPT"), such Related Party Transaction shall also require approval of Board of Directors of the Company. Further, subject to the provisions of the Act and Rules, the following Specified RPTs shall require approval of the shareholders of the Company:

a) Sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials, directly or through appointment of agent exceeding ten per cent of the turnover of the Company or Rs. 100 crore (Rupees one hundred crore only), whichever is lower;

b) Contract or arrangement in respect of remuneration for underwriting the subscription of any securities or derivatives thereof of the Company exceeding one percent of net worth of the Company.

c) Selling or otherwise disposing of or buying property of any kind, directly or through appointment of agent exceeding ten percent of the net worth of the Company or Rs. 100 crore (Rupees one hundred crore only), whichever is lower;

d) Leasing of property of any kind exceeding ten percent of net worth of the Company or ten per cent of turnover of the Company or Rs. 100 crore (Rupees one hundred crore only), whichever is lower;

e) Availing or rendering of any services, directly or through appointment of agent exceeding ten per cent of the turnover of the Company or Rs. 50 crore (Rupees fifty crore only), whichever is lower;

f) Appointment to any office or place of profit in the Company, its subsidiary company or associate company at a monthly remuneration exceeding Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only); or

It is clarified that all Material Related Party Transactions shall require approval of the shareholders as prescribed under Clause 3.3.5 hereof even if such Related Party Transactions are on an arm's length basis and in the ordinary course of business.

3.3.7. In the event the Audit Committee decides to put up a Related Party Transaction before the Board, or if the Board *suo-moto* elects to review any Related Party Transaction or if a Related Party Transaction is required to be approved by the Board of Directors in pursuance of the Act, Rules or Listing Regulations, the process set forth in this clause 3 shall apply *mutatis-mutandis* for approval of such Related Party Transaction by the Board of Directors, subject to such exceptions as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

3.3.8. Subject to the other provisions of clause 3, brief details of Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company should be placed before the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

3.3.9. Where any director is interested in any contract or arrangement with a related party, such director shall not be present at the meeting during discussions on the subject matter of the resolution relating to such contract or arrangement.

#### 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS NOT APPROVED UNDER THE POLICY

In case the Audit Committee becomes aware of any Related Party Transaction that has not been approved under the Policy, the matter shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consider all the relevant facts and circumstances regarding the Related Party Transaction and shall evaluate all options available to the Company, including ratification, revision or termination of the said Related Party Transaction. The Audit Committee may examine the facts and circumstances of the case and take such action as it may deem appropriate. In the event the Committee decides to ratify the contract or arrangement, such contract or arrangement must be ratified within three months from the date on which the contract or arrangement has been entered into by the Board or the Shareholders as the case may be.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following Related Party Transactions shall not require approval of Audit Committee, in so far as the same are not in conflict with the provisions of the Listing Regulations in force (as amended from time to time):

- a. Any transactions entered into between a holding company and its wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated with such holding company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval.
- b. Any transaction entered into by the company in its ordinary course of business other than transactions which are not on an arm's length basis.
- c. Any transaction arising out of compromise, arrangement and amalgamation dealt with under specific provisions of the Act.

5. DISCLOSURE OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- 5.1 The particulars of Related Party Transactions shall be disclosed in such manner as may be prescribed under the Listing Regulations, the Act and Rules.
- 5.2. The particulars of Related Party Transactions should be entered in the register(s) maintained under the Act, wherever applicable.
- 5.3 The Company shall host this Policy on its website and a web-link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.

6. AMENDMENT

This Policy can be amended, modified, or revised from time to time and if there is no bar under the Listing Regulations or the Act, then the same can be abrogated by the Board of Directors of the Company.

7. REGISTER

The Company shall maintain registers of related party transaction(s) in Form MBP 4 or such other Form as may be prescribed.

8. INTERPRETATION

In any circumstance where the terms of this policy differs from any existing or newly enacted law, rule, regulation or standard governing the Company, the law, rule, regulation or standard will take precedence over this policy and procedures until such time as this policy is changed to conform to the law, rule, regulation or standard.

***Approved by the Board on 30 March 2017***